Mesopotamia Assessment

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During the Neolithic Age, people stopped migrating to follow their food source. This was because they started to domesticate plants and animals. Explain the importance of the events below in terms of the impact that domestication of plants and animals had on the following events.

1. The development of agriculture was a result of the domestication of plants and animals. Agriculture developed because people started to grow food and not follow their food.

2. The settlement of Catal Huyuk is one of the first permanent settlements to result from the domestication of plants and animals. People were no longer migrating after their food, and grew their own, They started to live together.

3. The development of specialization was a result of the time that people now had due to the domestication of plants and animals. With that time they could focus on developing or improving the things they were good at

4. The development of trade was a result of the domestication of P&A because people now had surplus food and animals. They could trade their surplus with people who specialized.

5. The development of new technologies Technology like the plow and irrigation developed in order to maintain a stable food that they needed now that they domesticated plants and animals. Because domestication of P&A created time which created specialization, people had the desire to improve and invent their products.

6. Explain what Mesopotamia had to offer these people when they settled there, and why it was important.

In the Zagros Mountains, people ran out of space to cultivate food and left the area in search of more suitable land. They moved to Mesopotamia because it had much to offer them. As a result city-states developed.

Mesopotamia had much to offer. It was large and flat for farming although flooding was a problem. From flooding, the soil was fertile from the silt that was left behind. There was a lot of clay/mud they could use this to build homes and levees to control water. There was also the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to provide water. These were important because they provide a stable food supply. It also led to the development of irrigation so they could maintain food. The cooperation needed to build irrigation led to people living together so they could work together to survive. This resulted in city-states.

The development of different technologies was important to the development of civilization. These new technologies led to stable food supplies that supported the growing populations of Mesopotamia.

7. Give two examples of technologies that led to a stable food supply and explain why you chose those examples.

Pick 2 of any of the following: plow – Made food production easier, irrigation – took water to where it isn’t naturally found for farming, levee – built along the rivers to prevent flooding and ruin the crops, wheel – made it possible to use animals for plowing and helped with irrigation.

See me if you have something different so I can determine correctness.

1. Technology – I chose this picture because it shows a wheel. The potter invented the wheel to make better pots but then it was used in all kinds of inventions.

There are seven characteristic of civilization. Using the pictures provided, identify which picture BEST exemplifies each characteristic. Then defend your choice.

2. Stable Food Supply – I chose this because the picture shows irrigation. Without irrigation there wouldn’t a stable food supply.

3. Religion – This picture is a ziggurat which they built for their gods which makes this religion.

4.Government – This picture looks like there is a king sitting on the throne. They had kings as rulers in their city-states so this picture best shows government.

5.Writing – This shows a clay tablet with cuneiform on it. Cuneiform was their writing

6. Arts – This is a picture of a lyre. The lyre is a musical instrumental and the music is a part of the arts.

7. Social Structure – I picked this one because it shows lots of people and they are different sizes which I feel show the different class structures. Smaller statues are lower in class

Epic of Gilgamesh

1. Identify the above and explain its significance – This an example of cuneiform, their writing. Writing was important because they were able to document their history, business transactions. It also says, Epic of Gilgamesh which was the very first written literature.